

Remarks

Claims 7-15, 17-25 are pending. Claims 1-6, 16, and 26 are cancelled. Claim 7 is currently amended. Applicants' believe that with the amendment of claim 7 clarifying the intention of the prior submission, the case now should be in condition for allowance. Entry of the proposed amendment and reconsideration of the application respectfully are requested.

§ 102 Rejections

Claims 7-26 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as purportedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,654,255 (Kojima).

Kojima describes that "epoxy group-containing olefin polymers...may be copolymers of olefins and unsaturated glycidyl group-containing monomers, and terpolymers or multipolymers of olefins, unsaturated glycidyl group-containing monomers and ethylenically unsaturated monomers." (Col. 2, lines 23-28, emphasis added). Applicants' material of amended claim 7 consists essentially of a crystalline acrylic polymer with an alkyl group of 18 carbons or more, thus excluding the Kojima materials. With the amendment of claim 7, the purported anticipation under 35 USC § 102(b) by Kojima is moot and should be withdrawn. Claims 8-26 depend directly or indirectly from claim 7, and also should be allowable.

Claims 8-15 and 17-25 all depend upon and include all of the limitations of amended claim 7. Accordingly, the rejection under 35 USC § 102(b) by Kojima (U.S. Patent No. 4,654,255) of amended claim 7 and claims 7-15, 17-25 has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 7-26 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as purportedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,654,255 (Kojima).

The proposed amendment to Claim 7 has been described above. Kojima has not been shown to describe, teach, or suggest a binder with a thermally conductive filler and a polymer consisting essentially of a crystalline acrylic polymer with an alkyl group of 18 carbons or more. Thus, Kojima has not been shown to describe, teach, or suggest all elements of the present invention. For at least these reasons, amended claim 7 has not been shown obvious in view of

Kojima. Claims 7-15 and 17-25 all depend upon and have all of the limitations of amended claim 7. Accordingly, the rejection under 35 USC § 103(a) by Kojima (U.S. Patent No. 4,654,255) of amended claim 7 and claims 7-15, 17-25 should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, upon entry of the proposed amendment it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendment, examination and reconsideration of the application as amended respectfully are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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